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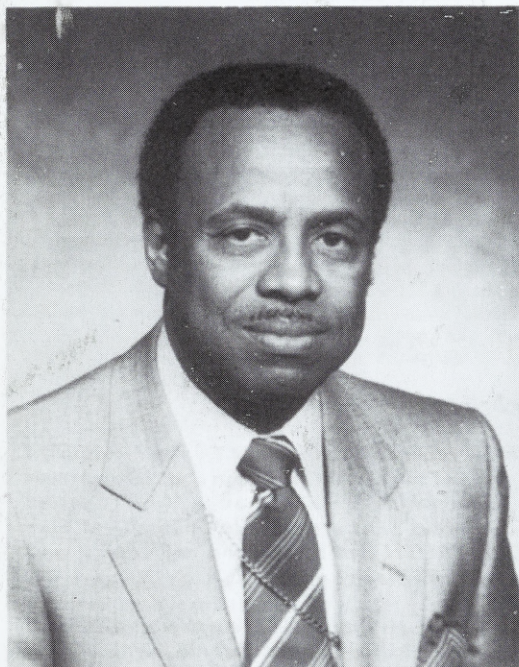
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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." MAL. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." JOHN 8:32.

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## UNAC — 5 IN THE MOTOR CITY

The national auxiliaries of the Church of God in Christ will have their place in the sun July 6-11, 1987. The United National Auxiliaries Convention: UNAC-5 will convene in the Motor City, otherwise called Detroit, Michigan. The annual event promises to be one of the best attended, most spiritual and informative UNAC's on record. The chairman, Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush is inviting the entire church for the great fellowship.

The saints both young and old will fill the spacious Cobo Hall daily for training, worship and numerous activities. An array of activities will keep delegates moving from session to session day and night. The meeting will present a mixture of old, new and innovative programs. There will be something for everyone.

The theme of this year's UNAC is "Conquering The Crisis With Christ." The saints are well aware that days like these are

a challenge even to the strong. UNAC is the church's way of supporting the saints in a multifaceted, yet unified way. Bishop Winbush and the whole departmental staff and various leaders have spared no effort. There has been great work done to assure the delegates receive a blessing for coming. For this reason the chairman, Bishop Winbush encourages all who can to attend. Local churches are encouraged to get bus loads prepared to attend. The delegates will long remember UNAC.

This year's UNAC program is full of innovative activities. It is reported that nearly forty classes will be offered. All five departments will share in the worship and class presentations.

Every saint is encouraged to become a delegate. The main hotels are the Westin and Days Inn. There are accommodations for 1-3 occupancy at the Westin. The Days Inns will offer occu-

pancy from 1-4 persons in a room. Room rates are very reasonable. The Westin offers a single from \$61.00 nightly. Doubles are \$61.00 and triples \$71.00 nightly. Days Inn offers single rooms for \$54.00 nightly, doubles for \$54.00, triples costs \$64.00 and quads are \$74.00 nightly. These rates are excellent for loading up the entire church youth department and bring them to UNAC.

All activities will be centered in Cobo Hall for the convenience and comfort of the delegates.

All departments will be active in UNAC and will conduct inservice training and business daily. The usual banquets and awards ceremonies will be conducted. Don't you miss the preaching, singing and glorious worship. Come to UNAC.

## Faith & Business Conference

By Jessica Macklin

## A Prevailing Church

First installment as we look at churches who prevail in tough economic times

## Wisdom from the Bosom

By Mother Diana Banks

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By Dr. Patrick L. Wooden, Sr.

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Conversation with Non-Incumbent Candidates

Bishop Roy Winbush, Committed Servant of  
The Church Of God In Christ For More Than 50 Years



# ELDER RON R. OWENS

Sr. Editor, Whole Truth

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With more than excitement and anticipation, we are honored at the marvelous opportunity we have to share our churches' most historical document, The Whole Truth, with you the reader for almost a century. This magazine has prevailed on the heads and hearts of its readers to hear the voice of God in the midst of changing and peculiar times. In this edition, we get to see the successes of people who have prevailed in ministry in tough economic times; glance at the ingenuity of leaders who are able to bring faith, leadership, and business entities together to work for the good of

the kingdom; to hear the trumpet cry of a pastor in an editorial declare that holiness is right; to holding a memorial for those saints who have gone on to glory. As we poll the heartbeat of non-incumbent candidates seeking their place for the highest office in our church, we continue to seek what is the perfect will of God. We pray that this issue will be most inspirational and divinely informational. It is to this end we serve.

Sincerely Yours,

*Ron R. Owens*

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Dear Subscribers,

On behalf of the Publishing House and the Church Of God In Christ I wanted to tell you how much we appreciate your support in our efforts to provide you the most important news affecting the Church Of God In Christ. In this edition you will see how some key leaders in the church are affecting and growing their churches, together with some of the highlights of last year's Convocation. The Whole Truth has an important legacy in the Church Of God In Christ and has existed for more than a century. In fact, recently the Publishing House opened up an exhibit at the Publishing House operation in Memphis, TN featuring some of the oldest copies of the Whole Truth in the church's history. This is part of the unique Roy H. Winbush Pictorial exhibit. That exhibit opened during the 2012 April Call Meeting and features some of the most important historical pictures in COGIC. The exhibit is open for members to view and I would encourage you the next time you are in Memphis to view it during our business hours.



Nowhere else in the country can you see this. This preserves the legacy of the Church Of God In Christ. I encourage anyone who has historical pictures that they want to display, to provide digital copies to Sharon Miller at [cogicbookstore@bellsouth.net](mailto:cogicbookstore@bellsouth.net).

We are particularly proud of another initiative that has been developed by the publishing house and that is a Summer Scholarship program which will provide scholarships of up to \$3,500 to youth who work on church projects during the Summer of 2012. This focus of promoting the efforts of COGIC collegians has been enthusiastically received in 2012. In your upcoming Sunday School literature, look for pictures of the youngsters who were selected this year and certainly keep in mind that in 2013 we will be seeking applicants for next year. None of this would have been possible without the tremendous support that we received from all of you and we thank you for that.

Sincerely,

*John Daniels*

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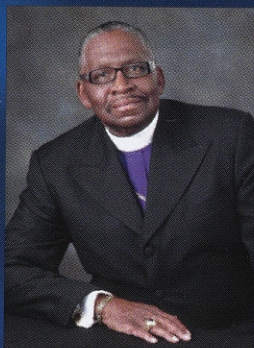
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# COGIC NEWS BRIEF

Church Of God In Christ News from around the World



**Bishop Donald L. Alford, Sr.**

Bishop Donald L. Alford, Sr., Prelate of the 4th Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Indiana North Central was invited and attended the 60th Annual National Prayer Breakfast with The President of the United States and other national leaders: in the Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branches of our government on February 2, 2012 in Washington, D. C.

In addition to serving as Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop Alford pastors Pentecostal Cathedral Church Of God In Christ in South Bend, Indiana of which he founded 40 years ago. He also served on the Presiding Bishop's special committee to renovate the Lee Building on the campus of our Church of God in Christ Headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee.

Bishop Alford is a licensed funeral Director and has operated his own business for the past forty-seven years. He recently received his "50 Year Pin" as a mortician.

He has served his community on the South Bend Safety Board, and currently is a commissioner on the South Bend Redevelopment Commission. He has been a recipient of the Key to the City of South Bend, and also, the Drum Major Mayor's Award.



**Bishop L. F. Thuston**

Bishop L. F. Thuston has served the Lord and the Lord's people for more than 30 years in ministry. An Air Force veteran, and a former Justice Department employee, his tenure of service in these two areas, along with his experience in the world of academics on the university level has been ordained steps by God to bring him to this time in the ministry of the Church Of God In

Christ. He was elected during the 104th International Holy Convocation as the Vice-Chairman of the General Assembly. The Whole Truth had an opportunity to speak with him briefly and hear his heart regarding his new assignment.

**TWT:** In what capacity did you serve in the Justice Department during your seven-year tenure?

**Vice-Chairman Thuston:** I served in two different areas, first of all I did prototype analysis for Social Services, and that work led to being a full time chaplain in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. That responsibility led to Special Projects, which dealt with mediation, and with interdisciplinary problem solving in programming, and with community collaboration within the Department of Justice. One of the key components was I had to deal with negotiations at several different levels.



## IN MEMORIAM



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## COGIC NEWS BRIEF

Church Of God In Christ News from around the World



**Bishop Charles D. Williams,**  
Jurisdictional Prelate  
Alaska Jurisdiction | Church Of God In Christ

Bishop Charles D. Williams was born, on a farm, in Ennis, Texas on February 22, 1920 to Mr. Charles & Mrs. Mahalie Williams. He is one of nine boys and one girl. He spent his early years in Ennis and later grew up in Dallas, Texas. Bishop Williams was inducted into the Armed Forces in 1942 where he became known as an initiator, preacher, and even an "officer" until he was honorably discharged in 1946.

Charles Williams was saved in 1946 and was licensed as a minister by his brother, the late Superintendent J. C. Williams, while living in Stockton, California. During his humble beginnings in Stockton, young Minister Williams served the Lord's church as an Usher, Deacon, Junior Church Pastor, and District Sunday School Superintendent. Minister Williams united in holy matrimony in 1947 to Sister Fannie Mae Benjamin. To this union, they were blessed with one-son, Minister Luther J. Williams and one-daughter, Mrs. Mary Ruth Hall who have both preceded them in death.

Minister Williams arrived in Anchorage, Alaska on April 12, 1952. He and a friend, the late Elder Ivory Thornton, drove nine days, ran out of food, killed a Ptarmigan Hen and cooked it along the way. However, the hardships did not deter young Williams, he came to Alaska ready to start a church. He often tells of how he was able to help pioneer the Alaska Jurisdiction of the Church Of God In Christ with the founders, the late Mother Josephine Stephens and Mother Emma Avery. He arrived on Saturday and found a church to attend on Sunday morning, the Assembly of God; he was asked to sing, and he sang "I Don't Know What I would Do Without the Lord," and that is evident in his accomplishments in the state of Alaska. Until he was able to get a church started, he and a brother rented a place to have prayer service for \$5 a night, and from there, he went to a soup kitchen to hold service.

In 1953, Minister Williams was ordained as an Elder by the first Alaskan Overseer, the late Bishop L. E. Tolliver. In November of 1953, he founded the Friendly Church Of God In Christ. Elder Williams was Alaska's first State Sunday School Superintendent; he was later appointed Chairman of the Board of Elders, and served in that capacity until 1967. In 1967 after the demise of Bishop Tolliver, God elevated and Bishop A. B. McEwen consecrated Elder Williams to the office of Bishop of the Alaska Jurisdiction.

Bishop Williams served with the first Territorial Mother, the late Mother Ira Lee Cotton, and appointed her two successors, Jurisdictional Supervisors, Mother Lillie Mae Howard, and Mother Mable B. Gibbons. Bishop Williams is a spiritual father to many sons and daughters in the Church Of God In Christ. Many of them have been elevated to Bishops and Supervisors in this great Church.

Bishop Williams is a man of prayer and great faith. God has anointed him with the gift of healing. Many have the testimony of how God has used him to lay hands on the sick and the sick recover, even the dead have been raised to life. The testimony of his local Church Mother, Mother Oneatha K. Hawk is, that she wrote out her obituary and prepared for her death, but God used Bishop Williams to pray, and she is here today to tell of the faithfulness and wonder working power of God. You will never hear Bishop Williams take any glory for himself, however, you will hear him say loud and clear "TO GOD BE THE GLORY!"

In 1993, Bishop Charles D. Williams was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate Degree of Divinity by the late Dr. Christopher C. Owens, the General Field Representative of Trinity Hall College and Seminary; where as, the late Presiding Bishop Louis H. Ford was in attendance at the unforgettable ceremony.



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**TWT:** Being in ministry for more than 30 years, what would you say to the young pastors, as they begin their journey in ministry, and in particular to those who are just beginning to attend the General Assembly of our Church?

**Vice-Chairman:** I refuse to be cynical about our Church, and often-young ministers, and those on the leadership track can very easily be infected with a kind of COGIC cynicism. I think that it is toxic; I think it is restrictive to one's development and to ones God given potential, and I think it is an ungodly disposition that is unfortunately, so common. I believe that our International Church is yet a model for ministry and a model for leadership. I think that is so important for those that are developing in their calling, to (1) get a deep relevant understanding of the Scriptures, (2) I think it is important for them to embrace the history of our Church. Our heritage is such a source of wealth and inspiration, and (3) I think it is also important for one to search out mentors.

This is the day where not only are Elijah's are searching for Elisha's, but also Elisha's must search for Elijah's. There is so much that is changing in our culture and in our Church, and to be effective in what God had predestined us to do, it is important to search out that kind of impartation. It is just as urgent for one at our stage and phase of life as at any other time.

**TWT:** Is there anything you would like to say to your constituency regarding your election?

**Vice-Chairman:** I've said this before, and it yet remains, this is a different kind of team, the likes of which we ought to prepare for something extra ordinary, to have a Vice-Chairman who was elected at this time to serve with a Chairman such as Superintendent James Hunt, I think our General Assembly is certainly positioned to make some enormously helpful developments for the united work of the Church Of God In Christ.



## LIST OF APPROVED CANDIDATES FOR 2012 ELECTION\*

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20. Supt. Melton R. Timmons
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22. Supt. William Watson III
23. Elder Kenneth Williams

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11. Bishop Martin Luther Johnson
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16. Bishop J Drew Sheard
17. Bishop Felton Smith
18. Bishop Ted Thomas Sr.
19. Bishop Nathaniel Wyoming Wells - Incumbent
20. Bishop Frank Otha White - Incumbent
21. Bishop Matthew Williams
22. Bishop Roy Lawrence Haley Winbush - Incumbent
23. Bishop Lawrence Wooten

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1. Bishop Frank Anthone White

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 By Bishop David A. Hall

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# Faith & Business

By Jessica Macklin



In a time when unemployment is at its highest in years, and specifically here in California over 2 million people are out of work. Yet, there is hope in the south Hayward community, thanks to the Glad Tidings Church of God in Christ, which sits on the corner of Tyrell and Forsellas, where Bishop J.W. Macklin is the Pastor.

The Glad Tidings World Impact Ministry, under direction of Elder Lonzo Caves, united the Bay Area community, including individuals, business owners, government bodies, and non profits, to present the **Glad Tidings Entrepreneurship Empowerment Conference of 2012** on April 21, 2012. The purpose of

the Conference was to provide existing entrepreneurs, aspiring entrepreneurs and job seekers invaluable information and resources that would help advance their entrepreneurship initiatives and employment opportunities.

With the help of White House staff, notably, Gerard Flavin, Assistant Administrator of the Small Business Administration, Cedric Grant, Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships for the U.S. Department of Commerce, and their Bay Area staff, participants of the Conference were introduced to federal resources available for entrepreneurship

advancement through various panels and workshops. By way of the U.S. Small Business Administration, participants of the workshops learned how to "Start, Build, and Advance Entrepreneurial Development," how to gain "Access to Capital," and how to engage in "Business Development and Government Contracting."

Moreover, by way of a local university, Cal State University East Bay (CSUEB), and other organizations such as C.O.R. and Alameda County Small Business Development Center (ACSBDC), participants of the panel discussions learned how to "Start, Grow, and Thrive" their



# Conference

business or prospective business. Further, with the help of ACSBDC, and local businesses such as Dale Hardware, Owens Law Firm, Thomas Neal and Associates, and Version 5 Consulting, participants of the panel discussions also learned "How to Run and Grow" their business or prospective business.

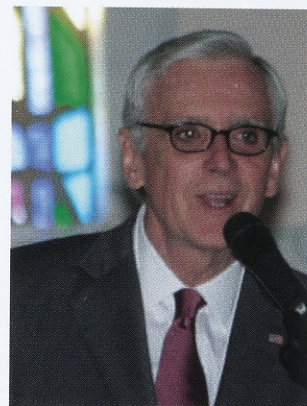
Additionally, the Conference was met with a panel breakout, "Question and Answer" session where local business leaders such as Paula Grove, Thomas Neal CPA, Patricia Bruj, Tonya-Tucker Collins, Marquis Owens Esq., and Landis Graden shared invaluable information pertaining to: developing a business plan, business financing, employment law, customer service, internet marketing, and business growth and strategies. Participants of the various panel discussions and workshops walked away with not only knowledge of how to be a successful entrepreneur, but were empowered with tools and resources to help them execute and maintain a successful business.

However, the Conference was not only aimed at empowering entrepreneurs, but was also aimed at empowering individuals seeking employment with information concerning successful job application and interviewing. Pre-employment workshops were presented and were designed to increase the potential of job applicants from beginning to the end of the hiring process. Petite Productions, a local non-profit, sponsored professional seminars pertaining to successful resume drafting, employment application, and employee advancement. Elder Will Huff J.D., M.B.A., and Pamela Owens Esq. of Glad Tidings Church, led a workshop aimed at preparing participants for a successful job interview.

Lastly, Valerie Daniels-Carter, President and CEO of V&J Holding Companies, Inc., gave the final remarks to empower

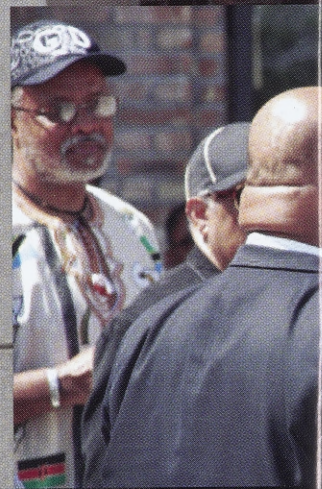
all participants with hope and confidence that they too can be successful with the knowledge obtained from the Conference, but only if it is met with the power of God. Mrs. Daniels-Carter is an operator of Burger King and Pizza Hut restaurants with over 100 restaurants in four states worth 90 million. V&J is the largest African-American owned restaurant franchise operator in the United States.

Glad Tidings Church under the leadership of Bishop J.W. Macklin has been instrumental in the up-building of the South Hayward Community. In collaboration with Northern California Community Development (NCCD), Glad Tidings Church has made a positive impact on what was not so long ago a challenged area in the city of Hayward. Due to the positive feedback from the Bay Area community concerning the Conference, the Conference will be hosted again in 2013.





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## A Prevailing Church

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*"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us..."* as Charles Dickens started the age old story of *The Tale of Two Cities*, over one hundred and fifty years ago, many could make the same remarks regarding our economy in the most recent years. Though this tale is one of the most historical stories of fictional literature, today's economic situation is far from fiction.

And our churches that stand in the midst of turmoil, despair, and seeming void of hope, are poised and expected to deliver hope and attend to the needs of communities across the globe. They are looked upon as a well to come draw wisdom, a standard of direction, and a beacon of light. In desperate times, the church community is more heavily depended upon to up-build the lives and hopes of people. That challenge has been taken on by leaders who are determined to stand tall and strong, and prayerful as they keep a grip on the vision God gave them, and not the sight of current times.

Scanning the landscape of ministries deliv-

of God in Christ...and get the experience.

One could assume that a ministry of this size and impact is just the reasonable service of a General Board Member, however the secrets of success in this ministry precede his elevation, and have been maintained and enhanced to higher heights, to advance in alignment with this profound leader's advancement in kingdom of God.

So how does a population of over 2,000 members, on a campus of nearly six acres, in one of the most economically challenged cities in the nation, advance with a sizable annual operating budget? Let's paint the full picture here. Milwaukee statistics report 58% unemployment rate in black males, ranked as the 4th poorest city in the nation, and an estimated 40% rate of high school drop outs, yet in one given year a congregation can raise over a quarter of a million dollars, execute God's work via 45 active ministries and impact a community with a population of over 9,000 in a one mile radius....as Bishop Daniels stands on this scripture- "I am the Lord your God...there is nothing too hard for God"

So, what has not been too hard for God, in the midst of a declining economy in Milwaukee?

does not matter. Attendance is not the criteria, but yet, look at quality of ministry and service delivery."

The ministry provides weekly bible study, led by Bishop Daniels, where congregants and visitors are taken through word- anchored developmental series

And because God is calling His people to be empowered in a holistic way, this ministry has developed into a comprehensive campus of support and resources. Leadership recognizes that "The Church nor its branches are owned by a person, but that a pastor is simply an under-shepherd. The Church is broader, and a mystery in Old Testament that was revealed in the New. This revelation that will compel and constrain a leader to operate under humility was revealed in the new Matt 16:18. Peter was a small rock as part of a larger rock. We become the Peters. And our call is to build."

And build is just what we have been called to do by God. Our posture and our position should be where we can receive revelation and vision from the Lord. You can look back and see that God is charting the course all along the way. And what does that course look like on this campus?

You can drive on the campus to see facilities that support the comprehensive approach of ministry. Since the late 1980's, the campus has continued to expand. First, let's look at the area of education. There they Established the first Pentecostal Christian Academy in the state of Wisconsin, added a Jurisdictional Leadership Institute, for adult training in various areas of Christian education.

Recognizing the value of collaboration, a partnership school with Milwaukee Public Schools was set up, The Educational Possentem, and DJ Young Preparatory Academy were established, and most recently, an additional charter school was added to round out the educational offerings, providing quality Christian based education from K-12.

As we move across the campus, and into the sphere of supporting economic needs of the community, we discover the Holy Re-



ering to help guide lives toward higher heights, despite an economy that is hitting rock bottom, we see vitality being led by the Church of God in Christ. Let's consider a thriving, vibrant ministry in Milwaukee, WI, under the direction of Bishop Sedgwick Daniels- the Holy Redeemer Church

Let's begin at the core. Holy Redeemer's 2000 seat sanctuary serves to be just that, a place of peace and rescue, to countless individuals weekly. It is an approach that leadership truly believes in - to "Strengthen the things that remain- take what is there and don't diminish, but build it up. Size



deemer Credit Union, which was the first Credit Union of Pentecostals in Wisconsin. And to offer impact of excellence and expertise, the ministry established C.O.G.I.C. Social Services, which addresses the concerns of the total person through professional counseling, therapy and training.

Head across the street, to witness the expansion for housing, where property was purchased for the establishment of the Dunbar-Blakely House, providing domestic violence prevention ministry and shelter. As well, you will see the acquisition of additional property for a Senior Citizen's Complex, Heritage homes for Social Services Family Rehabilitation, and Shelters.

Cross back over the street, to walk into the beautifully adorned halls of a Milwaukee African American Cultural Center- the resting place of the Negro League Baseball Hall of Fame, which will lead you to the Mother Kathryn Daniels Conference Center for Community Empowerment and Family Reunification. You are now on a three acre parcel for the establishment of the Youth Center, Gymnasium, High School, Library, and Fine Arts Symposium, as well as a nationally recognized Boys and Girls Club which serves as a national model for hybrid service.

And the story of vision continues, as this ministry under The Bishops Creek Development Corp (BCDC) "...envision a diverse, self-sustaining community where housing opportunities, business enterprises, and employment opportunities exist. The quality of life in our community is assured

through wholesome recreation, cultural enrichment, educational empowerment, and economic incubation which are vital in creating a revived, aesthetically pleasing community.



Bishop's Creek is a community where integrity, vision, hope, and faith are the foundational pillars for which all decision-making is based and that positively affects the community. We are committed to community safety, economic stability, and wealth creation for all individuals and families.."

BCCDC is currently overseeing the multi million dollar redevelopment of a former tannery property located across from the church and educational campus. The site covers an approximately 1.5 square mile area on the near Northwest side of the city. This redevelopment project includes the rehabilitation and/or new construction of office/retail facilities, residential properties (affordable family housing), a high school

dormitory, a proposed library, a cultural and hospitality venue, and a hotel/enhanced water venue. In addition, the project includes the installation of site infrastructure and on grade parking. The BCCDC project also includes a residential scattered site component allowing for the rehabilitation and new construction of single family housing units. Collectively this project is designated as the Bishop's Creek Revitalization Zone.

How does one man keep all this thriving? He first realizes he can't,...and he doesn't dare try.... He empowers the people. On the campus, you will find hundreds of staff and volunteers committed to a vision. They reached the point of commitment because they were afforded opportunity. They serve along side of a servant leader, literally, as Bishop Daniels will often grab a plate to serve or push a wheelchair to guide. A leader who has:

- Recognized a fire
- Found a place for the fire
- Moved obstacles out the way
- Provided fuel and a safe place for it to burn
- Fanned the flame and expected it to continue
- Stays on guard for the next spark

Bishop offers what he has experienced., as the community has seen that "what the enemy meant for evil, God meant for good, for if you followed them around 7 years ago, you would have seen arson fires set ablaze by dream haters. By individuals who had no insight or foresight to the plans God had for this community. Does a leader

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lower his or her head in doubt in the midst of such despair and seeming defeat? Not if you are of this stock.... you recognize and get re-positioned in your stance of faith, realizing "it doesn't take much" for there is nothing too hard for God."

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"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." The beginning sentence of 'A Tale of Two Cities' was quoted countless times. But I guess some people who know about this sentence, does not know what 'A Tale of Two Cities' is about. If anyone wants to understand the original meaning of this sentence, and how this famous sentence was picked out, then he must read the original novel.

"In short, the period was so far like the present period." This sentence answered two questions about the first epic line: why say that and who is that line said to. Dickens hoped to use this novel, via describing disasters brought by the French Revolution, to express his own concern, toward the situation of United Kingdom. A revolution in history, two cities representing two countries, server people within the world, became the main element of the story.

Although 'A Tale of Two Cities' is a classic novel, but since the author clearly described the background of revolution is the French Revolution, 'A Tale of Two Cities' is also viewed as the author's view on that period of history. And that is where the key controversial debate of the novel came about. Dickens described not only the cruelty of the nobility, but also the irrational destruction made by the revolutions, in detail. He

believed, that the revolution is just one repression replaced by another repression, a bloody world replaced by a blood riot. The most compelling part of the novel is the description toward the attack of Bastille - bloody, cruel, cunning, and vicious.

Dickens described the evil of the mob with a great focus; in some level, it might be the hatred toward the revolution. Of course, as a humanitarian, Dickens pointed out the medicine to save the world: love. This love is reflected in the novel with family, friendship and other personal feelings. It is also reflected in a boarder way by saving the



people. Among them, the love of Carton stood out most.

I like Carton very much. As a matter of fact, Carton was an embodiment of Dickens: Dickens first created Carton this person and some characteristic of this person then created this novel. Then, how is Carton as a person? "Sadly, sadly, the sun rose; it rose upon no sadder sight than the man of good abilities and good emotions, incapable of their directed exercise, incapable of his own help and his own happiness, sensible of the blight on him, and resigning himself to let it eat him away."

Why this man of good abilities and emotions, resigned himself? It was not told in

the story; he was like that from the start. There was no description of his family background. In my opinion, this person represent Dickens himself, and that's why he didn't need to describe it - the resigning Carton, came from his own disappoint of this world. Carton said in his words, "I see the evil of this time and of the previous time of which this is the natural birth, gradually making expiation for itself and wearing out."

Carton, in the needs of friends, when the loved lady's husband is about to be guillotined, appeared, used his own life as the price, and saved the husband.

Isn't it what the love of Christ is about? The redemption of their own sins. As a matter of fact, Carton said before his death, "I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." This is what Dickens hoped for "the worst of times", and this is what made it "the best of times". Someone said that, as a classic, if without Sydney Carton, 'A Tale of Two Cities' would lose its value and glory. I agree completely.

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we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct the other way - in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only.

Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*



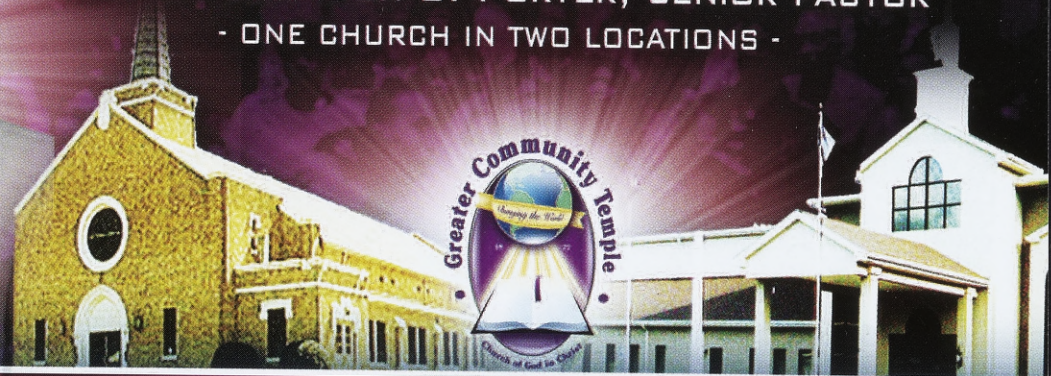
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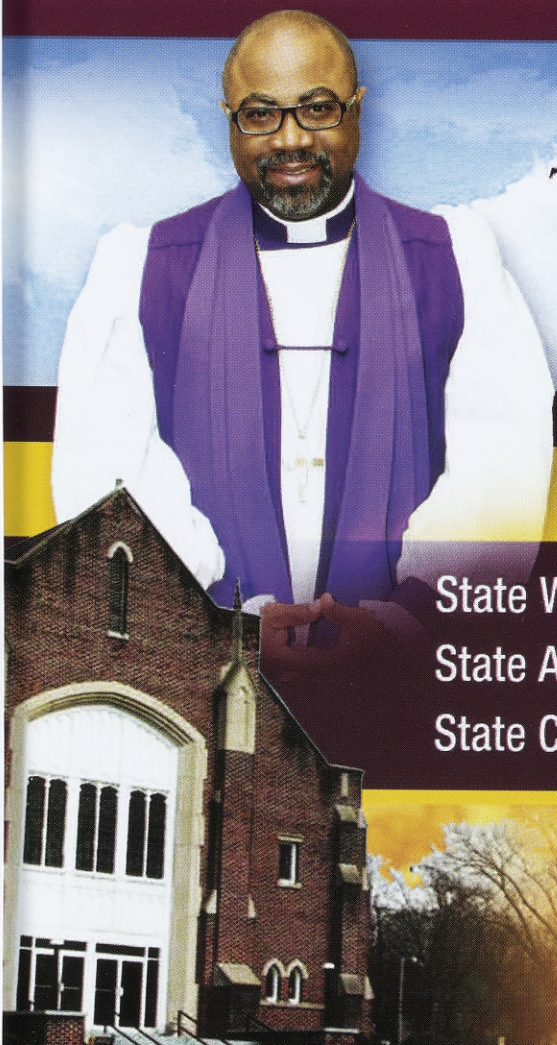
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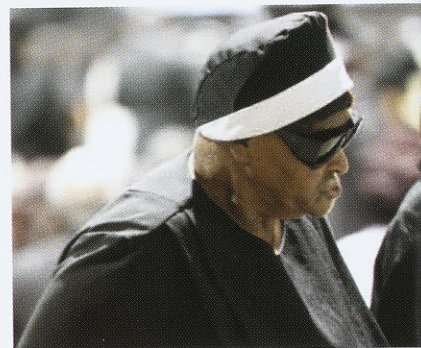
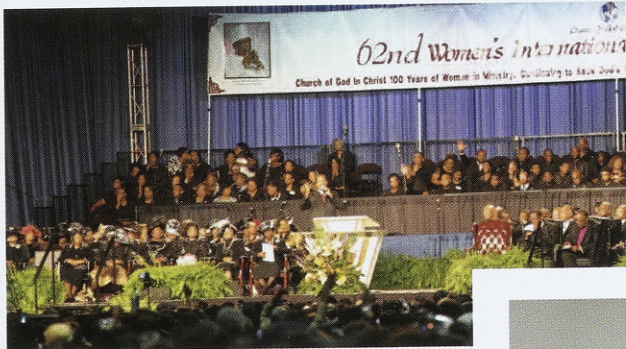
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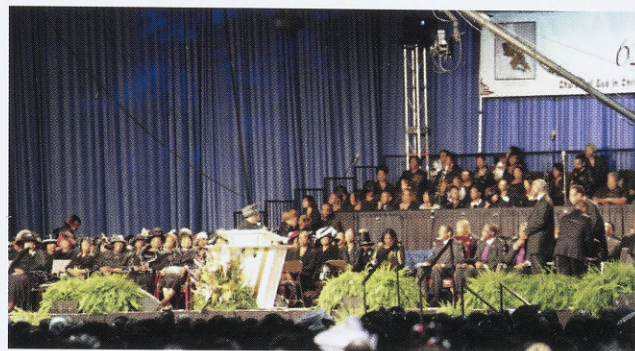


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# THE FIRST 100 YEARS

by O. Wiggins



It began in a single living room, moved to an abandoned gin house along a little creek and now has expanded to every continent around the world.

Indeed, the Church Of God In Christ has made significant strides since its inception in 1897 when Elder Charles H. Mason, Elder C.P. Jones and others brought 60 people together as charter members to form the Church of God, and subsequently the Church Of God In Christ.

Today, about six million people fill the pews of Church Of God In Christ churches, making it the nation's largest black Pentecostal body and the fourth largest Protestant body in the country.

As the Church marks nearly 105 years as an incorporated body and continues into the next century, it's worth reflecting on the Church's past, it's present and it's future. In an interview earlier this year with

of the in filling of the Holy Spirit and the sign and seal of speaking in other tongues.

He said the Church emerging as a holiness group in 1897 was significant, but, "I think our distinctive contribution has been made in the area of advocating and propagating the doctrine of the baptism of the Holy Ghost."

And the one thing that originally made the Church different is also the one thing that ultimately led to its division.

Elder Mason returned from Los Angeles, California, after receiving the Holy Ghost, looking forward to proclaiming the New Testament doctrine and incorporating it in the Church.

But some of his fellow ministers mocked the Holy Ghost experience, which led to a separation in the body.

cogic.com, Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake said the most defining historical moment for the Church was in 1907 when Bishop Mason organized the Church Of God In Christ around the doctrine

Elder Mason was removed by the General Assembly, but he kept the incorporated name of the Church and called a meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, of all ministers who believed in the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

It became the first Pentecostal General Assembly of the Church, and Elder Mason was unanimously chosen to become Bishop Mason - the General Overseer and Chief Apostle of the denomination. In that role, he was given authority to establish doctrine, organize auxiliaries and appoint overseers, according to church historians.

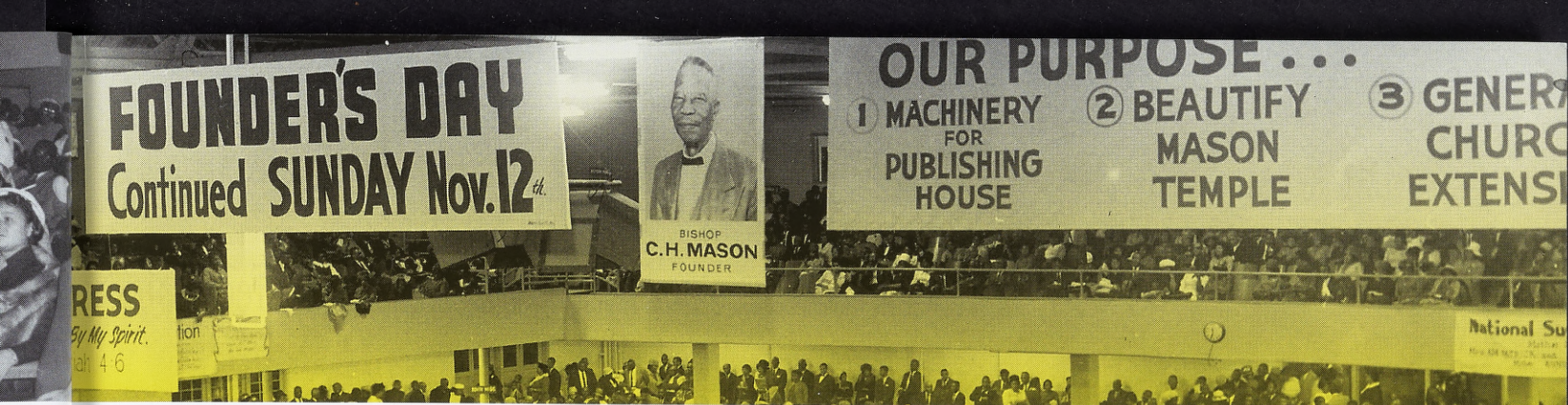
David Daniels, the chair of the Education Board for the Church Of God In Christ and the Henry Winters Luce Chair of World Christianity at McCormick Theological Seminary, said the governance of the Church in 1907 consisted of the senior bishop, the General Assembly and the overseers over the states.

"Even then there was the idea that all the power could not be in the hands of the bishop and overseers, but that the General Assembly, which was known as the Elders Council, served as the place for putting people on trial for ethics, infractions or setting policies for the church," he said.

After being named General Overseer, Bishop Mason dedicated 20 days - Nov. 25 through Dec. 14 - each year to fellowship and conduct business pertaining to the national organization.







The annual meeting continues in November.

“Dad Mason sanctified those dates. He called it a Holy Convocation,” said **Bishop Nathaniel W. Wells**, a member of the **General Board**. “Most of the other denominations have a convention. But this was for a sacred purpose. He was calling together God’s people to a holy place to remember the Holy Ghost experience. We became a holy pentecostal church.”

Raynard Smith, who teaches pastoral care at New Brunswick Theological Seminary and attends Greater Harvest Evangelistic Church Of God In Christ in Newark, New Jersey, said **Bishop Mason** created a “sacred space for all people, but particularly African Americans” when the Church was originally formed.

“This was a time when people were being dehumanized outside the church,” he said, referring to the early days of Church. “But inside, they were called saints. And not just saints, but saints of the most High God.”

**Bishop Blake** told *cogic.com* that he sees “the church standing by its foundational teachings and doctrines” as it moves into the future. “I see the church continuing to worship and love our God with passion and with fervor,” **Bishop Blake** said. “And I see us pursuing the mission of the church, which is to win the lost, to edify the believer and to bring glory to our God.”

Meanwhile, there are those who worry that the Church has strayed away from what **Bishop Mason** intended for it. And others who say the Church is grappling with holiness in the 21st century.

David Daniels said one of the biggest challenges facing the Church is “how to find a profound way of talking about holiness in the 21st century. That’s our struggle.”

**Bishop Wells** said he thinks **Bishop Mason** would be unhappy with what he would see of today’s Church.

“What I see happening is that we are moving away from our holiness roots, becoming more charismatic,” he said. “People are being saved, but their lives are not sanctified.” **Bishop Wells** said the shift in focus has caused “so much immorality toward us. Lawsuits coming against us.” Raynard Smith agreed that some would probably say **Bishop Mason** would be displeased with the Church and others, he said, might say **Bishop Mason** might not even recognize the Church of today.

There was a time when the Church was against going to the movie theater and women wearing make-up, jewelry and pants, he said.

“The church is] not bad, it’s just different,” he said. “The church has evolved. The church should evolve. It’s not that we have conformed to the standards of the world. It’s just an evolution.”

Raynard Smith said the Church leaders continue to fight for social justice, much like **Bishop Mason** did. For example, **Bishop Blake** has made public pronouncements on the debt ceiling, healthcare and Haiti just as **Bishop Mason** called on the Church to boycott the buses and spoke against wars.

“The problem today is that we don’t have a forum to make people aware of that fight,” Raynard Smith said. “Bishops need to be informed so that filters down from the jurisdictions to our local churches.”

**Bishop Blake** told *cogic.com* in February that he expects technology to play a huge role in advancing the Church’s mission.

“I see us doing most of our educational endeavors on the internet and online,” he said. “I see us streaming our conventions and our church services online, impacting the world in a very targeted way.”

**Bishop Wells** said he likes the idea of incorporating technology into the church’s mission and he thinks **Bishop Mason** would be pleased with the Church’s use of technology. Still, he said: “With all the technology, I just hope we don’t lose the spirituality.”



# Wisdom from the Bosom



Our young folks are really into social media and using high tech tools to communicate. With the price of gasoline at a record high of \$5.00 per gallon, a recession on our heels (depending on who you talk to!), we need to be men and women of wisdom. Like the virtuous woman we must find ways to look after our households and save expenses wherever and however we can.

When was the last time you used technology to do ministry? Instead of rushing out in the cold, driving for hours to a meeting, why not use a conference bridge instead? Did you know that you can go to [www.freeconferencecall.com](http://www.freeconferencecall.com), and establish your own conference call meeting line for FREE? That's right absolutely free. Just dial-in on a dedicated conference line and conduct business (up to 96 users on-line at a time in unlimited 6 hour increments) or better yet have the daily prayer-line. As servants in ministry we must continue to be resourceful.

In addition to using conference calls for enhancing auxiliaries, departments and prayer ministries, we can use web technology. That's right, connect voice-to-voice in real time with your colleagues across the country as a meeting facilitator using webinars an interactive conversation around a specified topic. This is a great way to save budgetary expenses in the areas of transportation and hotel accommodations while creating a think-tank of ministry leaders who come together to share strategies and successes, solve problems and brainstorm new initiatives. Wisdom says, "let's use the same technology tools from our earthly jobs" to provide continued ministry enrichment and kingdom ministry excellence for every participant. Lastly, remember if you have an auxiliary or special ministry program that is on-going, consider establishing a web site to share your ministry vision, mission and calendar of events to keep team members and perspective participants abreast of what's happening with your ministry as a way to improve ministry participation.

This leads me to my next story line: using technology to obtain missionary and ministerial licenses without having to leave the comfort of your own home. We've heard of on-line college courses, well in the Virginia Fourth Jurisdiction, Supervisor: Dr. Sheary Johnson has set up an entire on-line missionary course using technology to fulfill the ministry mandate. Read closely and you too can start saving the wear and tear on your automobile not to mention your physical body by using technology to get the job done efficiently and more effectively!



## Using Technology in Ministry

By Dr. Sheary D. Johnson

Every since I was in middle school, I have been interested in helping people find information. God has utilized this interest fully as I merged my doctoral degree in instructional technology and work experience as a library media specialist with my spiritual call in ministry.

When my jurisdictional Bishop, Dr. G. Wesley Hardy, prelate of the Fourth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Virginia, announced in his Vision Statement that he wanted to use technology more in the Jurisdiction, as the Supervisor of the Department of Women, I leaped at the opportunity to lead the Women's Department in formulating a website designed to train and test aspirant missionaries via internet. The training and written test are monitored by the District Missionary and the oral testing is administered in person by the Missionary Licensing Board. In August of 2011, the first 14 aspirants were licensed using this procedure.

In December 2011, the chairman of the Jurisdiction's Ordination Board announced that the website to administer the written test for ministers had been completed. In addition, appropriate resources and study materials were included to assist the Pastor and candidates in the preparation process. The oral examination will be completed in person before the Jurisdiction Ordination Board.

Through the use of the telephone, conference calls have alleviated some of the need to travel for meetings as we had in the past. In addition, the Jurisdiction's Prayer and Bible Band leader conducts prayer every Monday night including prayer warriors from around the jurisdiction.

My personal ministry has been expanded to blend technology and information. On December 30, 2011, the website [myministryconnection.com](http://myministryconnection.com) will be launched. This website is designed to provide networking, mentoring, training, and resources for persons in ministry or nonprofit organizations. This website utilizes the skills and experiences of veteran leaders to help train leaders for the future and enhance the skills of present leaders.

This is the information age and I thank God for the opportunity to help others navigate their way to success through the use of technology.

It's a new year and I am delighted to write another article just for you. In the last edition of our November, 2011 magazine I shared article space with two powerful "WOW" (Women of Wisdom) who shared wisdom nuggets related to having faith in God and aging gracefully. Did you know the Church of God in Christ is a tremendously blessed church? We have many gifted, talented and Holy Ghost filled women that can really "wow" you off your feet. As we live through the age of technology (I Phones, I Pads, Black Berry's, 3D screens, and the like, our church must stay in step with the times and become more technology savvy! Would you agree?





# Medical Moment

By Administrative Assistant Elton Amos, MD  
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**PSA TESTING: A CONTROVERSY  
THAT AFFECTS BLACK MEN  
DISPROPORTIONATELY**



Three years ago, in November 2009 the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) published that the mammogram was overused in Women's Health screens for women over 50 and recommended less frequent use of this technology as a screening tool for breast cancer<sup>1</sup>. There was moral outrage; women's support groups protested, medical professionals vehemently disagreed, and some conceded. It seems that men are not exempt from such contradictory health screen recommendations.

Now, in May 2012 comes this same advisory board recommending against the use of the Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test as a screen for prostate cancer<sup>2,3</sup>. Now understand, the medical world has always agreed that there is no perfect test: The Digital Exam (finger in the rectum to actually feel the prostate, assess its size, shape, nodularity and firmness) and the PSA test have been the only first line of evaluation for this insidious disease. In fact, absent these two, the primary care physician is left to rely on family history and late presenting symptoms.

What many do not know, is that there is a great racial disparity in the diagnosis and incidence of Prostate Cancer in America. It comes to this: Black men have a substantially higher prostate cancer incidence rate than white men (232 vs. 146 cases per 100,000 men) and more than twice the prostate cancer mortality rate (56 vs. 24 deaths per 100,000 men, respectively<sup>4</sup>. However, the studies done that led to the conclusions of the USPSTF

were NOT an analysis of risk, diagnosis and treatment of America's most difficult to diagnose population! The USPSTF evidence came from a randomized study of 182,160 men from 7 European countries<sup>5</sup>! This is hardly a test that should apply to Blacks in America.

*The long term impact of this recommendation is that African American men will suffer higher rates of untreated prostate cancer than the general population. The rules that work for the European population do not always work for blacks and other racial minorities.*

When women's support groups realized the danger of the report of 2009, they dismissed the USPSTF recommendation as dangerous and unethical; taking the mammogram matter into their own hands they demanded that physicians and insurance companies ignore the newest dictum and continue to order and perform the screens.

Black and minority men must have similar PROSTATE VIGILANCE. Many physicians would agree with annual complete physicals, PSA testing and digital rectal examinations, despite the USPSTF recommendations.

Discuss with your physician whether or not you should be screened. We must make use of every viable tool we have, seeing that this disease is not going away any time soon. Knowing that there is a disparity should make black men more suspect of "studies", and become deter-

mined more than ever to be screened, tested and treated when possible. Death by Prostate Cancer should not happen in America!

Access to USPSTF Recommendations and References:

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# OP-ED EDITORIAL

One editorial responding to two issues, the Sanctification

## Now Concerning Civil Unions

Now concerning civil unions, as far as I and the Church Of God In Christ (the great church that I am a part of) are concerned, we are not in the business of legislating immorality in any form. That is what these "so-called" civil unions do. Civil unions bring a degree of legitimacy to that which God calls "wickedness." If people decide to disobey God, I do not think it is the responsibility of the Church or the Government to legitimize their

Greater North Carolina Jurisdiction (under the leadership of my "spiritual father," Bishop LeRoy Jackson Woolard), I believe that the Church Of God In Christ should and must stand against all forms of legislating or legitimizing immorality. That means, "No, to same sex marriage; No, to civil unions; and No, to any other forms of rationalizing, legislating and legitimizing sin...No, in Jesus' name, No!"

he didn't include in his so-called "evolution." I spoke to our Presiding Bishop, Charles E. Blake, who told me that if he had known that the President felt this way, he could have helped him or picked his brain. I spoke with my Jurisdictional Bishop who wondered if the President had, "lost his mind."

In my opinion, the church should not stand with the President because he certainly does not stand with us! The words of Mordecai ring in my ears as never before. He said to Queen Esther: "...if thou...holdest thy peace at this time...", He went on to say, "and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?", Esth. 4:14. Not simply if you hold your peace, but if you hold your peace AT SUCH A TIME AS THIS! I believe that this is a watershed, defining moment for our great church. The LGBT community is not holding theirs! The President did not hold his! We shouldn't hold ours!

Someone asked me, "Well, Dr. Wooden, who then should we vote for?" While I can't tell anyone who to vote for, I will vote in November, if the Lord wills. However, when it comes to the Presidential choices, I will leave it blank.

Allow me to conclude it by emphatically saying that no one – no official, no human speaks for me if they endorse any form of same-sex anything! Same-sex marriage is sin; civil unions are sin; and any attempt to legitimize sin is sin. No matter who we are or what our titles are, our arms are too short to box with God. The God of the Bible said to maritime commerce tycoon, the Prince of Tyrus: "...because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God...", Ezek. 28:2.

Ain't nobody God, but Jehovah! He speaks for me and I speak for Him according to His WORD!



decision. Besides, "civil unions" are not enough. Civil unions are the "gateway drug," if you will. It is the seed to same-sex marriage. In states where they have legalized civil unions, such as California and Illinois, the proponents have come back and said why give us all the benefits of marriage and not allow us to call it a marriage? The LGBT community is not nor will it ever be satisfied with civil unions. They want to marry! Thank God that the Church Of God In Christ is not ignorant of Satan's devices and we understand that we are to "put a difference between clean and unclean and holy and unholy." At the end of the day, homosexual or lesbian unions are unholy, unclean, ungodly and immoral. As a proud member of the Church Of God In Christ, and a member of

Our President, the "Revolver" and Chief, President Barack H. Obama, said on May 9th, the day after the big victory in North Carolina, my home state, that he now supports same-sex marriage. He said that he "evolved," but the truth is that he "revolved." In 1996, he supported same sex marriage; in 2004, he was against it; now in 2012, he supports it again. That's not evolution, that's revolution.

I personally cannot and will not support any man, including the President, who disagrees with the God of the Bible. He did not respect our Church, the black community, or any of our leaders. He said that his advisors were his wife and his daughters. What?! I was floored and stunned at who



Dr. Patrick L. Wooden, Sr.  
Pastor of the Upper Room Church of God in Christ



ctified church must stand up to the President!

## Same Sex Marriage (The Ultimate Oxymoron)

When I was afforded this opportunity to write about the issue of "Same Sex Marriage," the first thing that came to mind was, "What an oxymoronic statement same sex marriage is." An oxymoron, of course, is when contradictory ideas, terms, things, or in this case people, are put together who do not belong together. According to Webster's New World College Dictionary, examples of oxymoronic statements are: "thunderous silence or sweet sorrow." The same holds true with "same sex marriage."

In 1669, when the Colonial Legislature enacted, the second law in the Colony was to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman. This was 107 years before the United States became a century. Black Law Dictionary has always defined marriage as "...a legal union of one man and one woman as husband and wife." We all know that the God of the Bible used Moses to come to one of the most powerful conclusions in all recorded scripture when we wrote, "...therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife;" thus, establishing marriage as a union between one man (born male) and one woman (born female), Gen. 2:24. To this point, our LORD Jesus Christ weighed in on this issue and said, "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder," Matt 19:6b. Our Lord is saying that we cannot stand idly by and allow the institution of marriage to be broken into pieces, which is what "put asunder" means.

One of the ways that Satan is trying to break God's first institution into pieces is to redefine it. In order for persons of the same sex to enter into the institution of marriage, it must be redefined. But, once it is redefined, then where do we stop? Do we follow Dan Savage, America's leading sex-advice columnist, who advocates that we follow the American homosexual (I don't call them "gay," but I will get to that later) male model? Should we follow after that community's tolerance for pornography, fetishes and a variety of partnered arrangements which range from strict monogamy to wide openness?

Savage goes on to say, "...some people need more than one partner...just as some people need flirting, some ...to be whipped, others...lovers of both sexes. We can't help our urges." (NYTimes.com article, written by Mark Openheimer). Apparently, Savage believes that marriage should be redefined to accommodate people's urges. Again, where do we stop? Do we redefine it to accommodate the man who wants to marry his daughter or, the man who wants to marry his goat? Where do we stop? What about the Objectum-sexuals who want to marry inanimate objects like the Empire State Building? "Dr. Wooden, you are going to the extreme!", one might say. But, what could be more extreme than two men or two women marrying each other? Again, marriage is a union between a man and a woman.

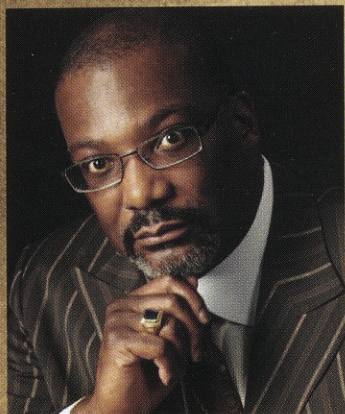
Now to those who say that we should not "discriminate," such as the NAACP, the LBGT lobbyists, and many other misguided groups; the institution of marriage already discriminates. One has to qualify to enter into the institution. One must: be single; be of a certain age; have his/her mental faculties working; not be a sibling; and be of the opposite sex! It already discriminates against those who are already married; those who are too young; those who are not of a sound mind; those who are in the same immediate family; and those who are of the same sex. None of these other groups are crying "discrimination," they just accept that they do not qualify or meet the morally/socially accepted norms. Discrimination has a negative connotation because of the society in which we live, but there is good discrimination which we exercise everyday (everything from where we live to with whom we allow our children to socialize) and I speak this as an African-American male. Again, if we change it for one, where do we stop?

Allow me to wrap this up by saying that the general public has been the victim of a clever marketing campaign. In February of 1988, some 175 leading activists representing homosexual

groups held a war conference in Warrenton, VA. Shortly thereafter, Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen put into book form a comprehensive public relations playbook called, *After the Ball: How America Will Conquer It's Fear and Hatred of Homosexuals in the 90's*. In this public relations playbook, the movement determined that they needed to move away from words like "homosexual" to a vague, but positive-sounding cultural identity. The word they chose was "gay!" After all, "gay" once meant "happy." Also, they incorporated the word "rights." They combined the two to get the term "gay rights." The word "rights" implies that someone is being denied privileges that they should have. Here's what they know in public relations warfare, "...he who frames the terms of the debate almost always wins..." (The Marketing of Evil by David Kupelian). As Christian Warriors, we should not use their terms, we should use biblical terms! Now let's see how effective "abomination" rights" or "wicked sinners before the LORD exceedingly" rights" would be. The truth is that God's truth is being rejected; we have been duped into believing that God's truth is "hate." The new definition of hate is: *truth that the world disagrees with*. Romans 1:28 tells us what happens to people when "they do not like to retain God in their knowledge"; among the judgments are that people began to "do what ought not to be done."

Marriage should not be redefined, the God of the Bible got it right the first time and I agree with Him! If that makes me "a hater, a homophobe, a bigot, or a nigger who doesn't know his history" (which I have been called and much, much more), then so be it. I stand on Romans 3:4, "...let God be true, but every man a liar..."; for the man who disagrees with the God of the Bible is a liar and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death, Revelations 21:8.





# A GOOD STEWARD

## MONEY IN A MINUTE

By Bishop Frank Anthonie White

We're not comfortable with the struggle. If we're honest, we don't really like materialism's mantra. John Stott put it this way: *"We cannot maintain a life of extravagance and a good conscience simultaneously. One or the other has to be sacrificed. Either we keep our conscience and reduce our affluence by giving generously and helping those in need, or we keep our affluence and smother our conscience. We have to choose between God and money."*

Money magazine has declared that money is now the #1 obsession of Americans. Newsweek reports that we have achieved a new plane of consciousness called "transcendental acquisition." A cover story quotes a woman who is saddled with debt. By the way, did you know that the average credit cardholder has over \$8,100 in credit-card debt? This woman recently charged a diving trip. Instead of trying to break free from the "credit drug," it's as if she's given up when she says: *"I've spoiled myself and I can't change my habits."*

Simplicity is the development of contentment...the process by which we develop freedom from the controlling attachment to various things.

**Hebrews 13:5:** Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.

**Philippians 4:11-13:** I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Jesus realizes that most people struggle with managing money - that's why He devoted much of His teaching to this critical area of life. He dealt with money matters because money matters.

The topic of money is both personal and theological. I've come across three different theological perspectives:

**1. Poverty Theology.** This imbalanced view teaches that we should have a disdain for possessions. Some who hold this position would say that it's wrong to have excess money and things.

**2. Prosperity Theology.** This teaching wrongly assumes that prosperity is the reward of the righteous. This cause and effect relationship implies that if God is happy with you, He will bless you financially. If He's not pleased with you, you won't be blessed with possessions.

**3. Proper Theology.** The proper way to view our possessions is that they are a trust given by God that we are responsible to manage. Everything belongs to Him and we are to serve as stewards whether we are blessed with a lot or with a little. Eliezer of Damascus is not one of the most prominent of Bible characters. However, this man played a major role in the life of Abraham. In Genesis 15:2, Eliezer is identified as the steward of Abraham.

A steward is a person that is responsible for managing the property and affairs of others. In the case of Eliezer, he had a lot to manage for Abraham because Abraham was rich. **Genesis 13:2**, "Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver and in gold." Eliezer, himself, mentioned how great a responsibility he had as he spoke of the way in which his master, Abraham, had been blessed by God - **Genesis 24:34-35**, "I am Abraham's servant. And the Lord has greatly blessed my master, so that he has become rich; and He has given him flocks and herds, and silver and gold, and servants and maids, and camels and donkeys."

So, Eliezer was responsible to oversee Abraham's flocks and herds, money, all the other servants plus the camels and donkeys. Eliezer's job was to make sure that Abraham's household and business ran smoothly and profitably. As steward, Eliezer always had the task of making sure that he was promoting Abraham's best interests.

Through the years, Abraham found Eliezer to be faithful and dependable....so much so that Abraham chose him to carry-out a most important mission. Abraham, in Genesis 24, sent



Eliezer hundreds of miles to find a wife that was spiritually suitable for Isaac. Eliezer had to find a woman who believed in the one true God. Of course, Eliezer succeeded in this task, with God's help, by finding Rebekah for Isaac.

No matter what Abraham placed into Eliezer's hands, Eliezer was found to be faithful and dependable in promoting his master's best interests.

Eliezer is an ideal example for us to imitate.

In 1 Peter 4:10, we are told that we are to be "good stewards of the manifold grace of God." Now, everything belongs to God. As we read in **Deuteronomy 10:14**, "Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it." Even though God owns all things, He entrusts us with a portion of His possessions.

In His "manifold grace" He grants to us all that we have and enjoy in this life. We are stewards of what God gives to us. Peter tells us in 1 Peter 4:10, that we are to be "good stewards" of what God gives us. On what basis are we to be judged as 'good' or 'bad' stewards? Verse 11 tells us that we are good stewards when we use all that we are given to promote God's best interests - "so that in all things God may be glorified."

The following three areas are things that God has given to each of us that we need to faithfully and dependably use to glorify our Master.

### 1. Spiritual Gifts

The first area where we need to demonstrate good stewardship is the use of our spiritual gifts. The primary focus of 1 Peter 4:10-11 is the use of our spiritual gifts. Again, verse 10, "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

Peter declares that each of us has been given a "special gift." There is not a single member of the Church who has not received from God a gift and these gifts enable us to serve one another in the Church. These gifts grant us the ability to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters. As we actively employ our special gift we become good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Only when each member actively uses their gift can a congregation grow as God intends.

Ephesians 4:15-16: we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

### 2. Time

The second area where we need to be good stewards is in the use of the time God grants us. Even though the duration of our life seems so long when we are young, the truth is that

life is short. We need to frequently ask ourselves: Am I being a good steward of the precious time that God continues to give to me?

Paul writes, in **Ephesians 5:15-16**: Be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time.

Are we, as good stewards, investing time in activities that promote God's interests and glory?

### 3. Money

The third and last area is our stewardship of money. It's so easy for us to forget that what we think of as our money is actually God's money. (Ezekiel 16:17; Haggai 2:8). The income which we have is given to us by our Master to meet our basic needs but, above all, to promote His interests and glory.

In order to be good stewards of the money God has entrusted us with, we need to ask ourselves three questions:

#### First, do we use God's money righteously?

Realizing that the money which we have belongs to God, we don't want to use our money to purchase anything or invest in anything that we know is unrighteous. We don't want to spend God's money on anything that God would not approve of.

#### Second, do we use God's money prudently?

The Day will come when God will hold us accountable for how prudently we used the resources that He entrusted us with. He will hold us accountable as to whether or not our spending matched kingdom priorities and values. Did we waste money on things unnecessary and that promoted worldliness?

Jesus often talked about how we use money today will directly determine the quality and quantity of treasure we will enjoy in eternity. Does our budget reflect an eye on eternity or simply one in keeping with the way of the world? As stewards, do we use God's money prudently?

Thirdly, do we contribute an appropriate amount to God's kingdom?

Every Lord's Day, God's people are encouraged to make a monetary contribution or offering. The question we need to ask ourselves is whether or not, as stewards of God's money, do we contribute or offer an appropriate amount?

As good stewards, we put God's interest and glory first. He promises that if we - in faith - put Him first, He will make sure that we will have "all sufficiency in everything."

What a privilege it is to be chosen by God to be His stewards. May we take our role seriously and glorify our Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ.



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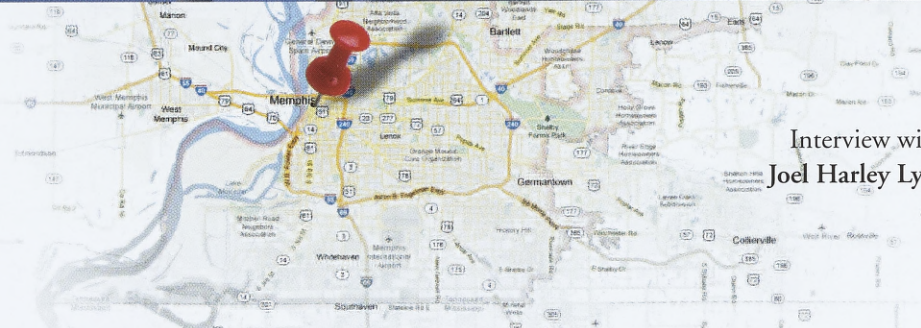
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# MEMPHIS INSIDER



Interview with General Secretary  
Joel Harley Lyles, Jr. @ AIM 2011  
by Evangelist B. Irons

**TWT:** What is your role and responsibility as the General Secretary of the COGIC?

**General Secretary:** Constitutionally, the General Secretary is to keep minutes of all the corporate and ecclesiastical meetings of the church, the General Secretary shall have charge of the seal and the corporate books of the church, and in cooperation with the Presiding Bishop and General Board, has the responsibility of signing all certificates, contracts and legal documents and instruments of the corporation. We also have the responsibility of issuing all credentials, all licenses, and for maintaining accurate records, the history and archives of the COGIC, and all of its accomplishments.

**TWT:** What is the challenge of your job as GS?

**General Secretary:** The real challenge is getting people to understand the role of the GS. That we do keep records, we also issue certificates and credential cards, and we issue about thirty-five thousand credential cards per year with a staff of four people. We have upgraded, but it is still a challenge, because the cards are to be issued between May 1st and August 31. Thirty-five thousand credential cards have to be issued with a staff of four people, and many people do not understand the process involved in that. Once the office receives what is called an F1 form, which is a financial record, from the Financial Secretary, all those forms have to be sorted, the data keyed into the system, proofed, verified and then the cards are produced, packaged and then mailed out within a four month timeframe.

**TWT:** Because you have such a short window of time for completion, one of the key issues I presume is you must encounter is the receipt of the information in a timely manner?

**General Secretary:** Yes we need to receive information on time, but more importantly we need the information to be accurate. If we receive information with incorrect names, improper addresses, incorrect titles, first or last names missing, or illegible writing on the form, then all of those things must be handled manually, even though we are using an automated system, those things have to be handled manually.

**TWT:** In light of that, you are relying heavily on the Jurisdictional Secretary for this information, correct?

**General Secretary:** We receive the F1 form from the Financial Secretary; however, the Jurisdictional Secretary who submits it to the Financial Secretary collects the data. We have developed an excellent network of Jurisdictional Secretaries who retrieve the data from the individuals, and now, much of our information is submitted electronically, which has helped the situation tremendously.

**TWT:** As a Jurisdictional prelate, what can the Jurisdictional Bishops do to help the jurisdictional secretary help the office of the National Office of the General Secretary?

**General Secretary:** First, they should make sure that their secretary is trained, by making sure he or she attends the Hebert Williams seminars during the AIM Convention and the Leadership Conference, so that individual will know how to input the data correctly; and to consider when selecting a secretary they consider the job description that has been developed by the Office of the General Secretary.

**TWT:** Have you considered creating a manual that you can put in the hand of the Bishop?

**General Secretary:** We have a manual that was created by the former General Secretary, the late Elder A. Z. Hall, Jr., and each Bishop was

given a copy in 2006. As a jurisdictional prelate I would say it is most important that when selecting a person to represent his jurisdiction, the Bishop selects someone who has the skill set to perform the task.

**TWT:** Do you see in the future the credential holder's card (blue and gold) having value outside of the COGIC?

**General Secretary:** Yes, we have begun an investigation of how the card can be used outside of the church. We have some individuals in our department who are working on finding ways of adding value for the card. Whether it's calling Hertz and using your id number, but we are working on finding ways that will add value to the credential card. We are projecting several things for the future, all of which I can't disclose here, but those things will be beneficial to the constituency who are registered delegates to the General Assembly.

**TWT:** Who would you say has helped you in your development as the General Secretary?

**General Secretary:** I received excellent mentorship from three persons, Bishop Frank Ellis, Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr., both Chairman's of the General Assembly, and Elder A. Z. Hall, Jr., General Secretary. Both Bishop Ellis and Bishop Patterson were constitutionally driven parliamentarians, however, because Bishop Patterson was the grandson of the Founder, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, he brought to the table for me a wealth of historical knowledge of the General Assembly's operation. Elder A. Z. Hall was an astute churchman, having served every elected Presiding Bishop and then being elected as the Church's General Secretary, his influence was significant for me. Each of these men poured into my life a wealth of knowledge, and because of their influence, I believe I am a more effective General Secretary.

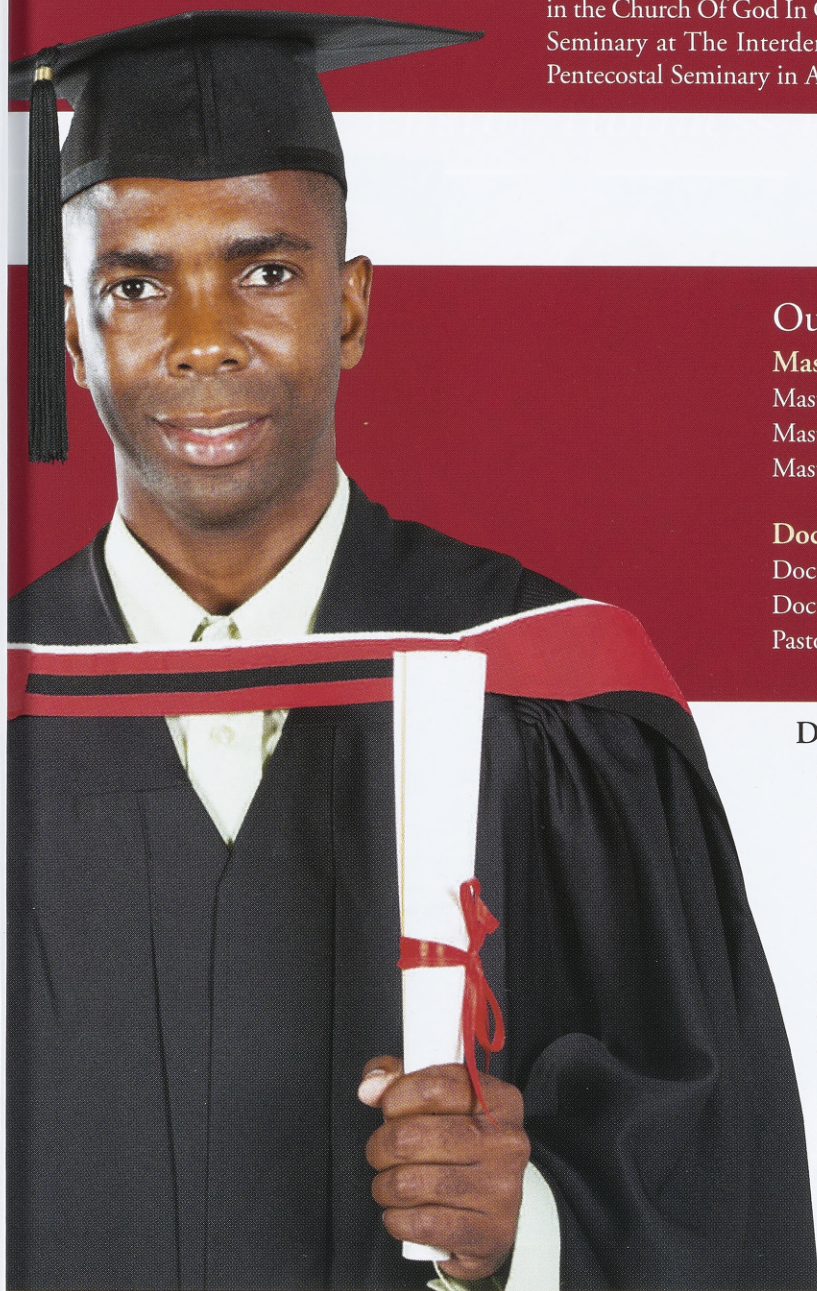




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# FACES OF COGIC

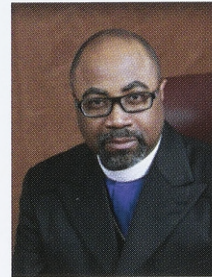
## CONVERSATION WITH NON-INCUMBENT CANDIDATES



**Bishop Dwight Green Sr.**  
South Korea



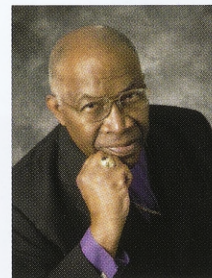
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Texas Southeast



**Bishop Brandon Porter**  
Tennessee Central



**Bishop J. Drew Sheard**  
North Central Michigan



**Bishop Ted Thomas**  
First Jurisdiction  
of Virginia

*As we realize that election time in our great church is upon us, we realize that it is a season to think, ponder, and most of all pray about whom the Lord would have us to put in place to lead, guide, and direct the affairs of this sacred institution we call the church. Remember it was the tradition of the Apostles to draw nigh and choose one from amongst them to fill the ranks. As we prepare for this opportunity, we will engage and inquire the insights of various tiers of leadership running for various offices. Recently, we had the divine privilege to speak with five non-incumbent candidates. We questioned and engaged their hearts and minds on the relevant issues facing our church.*

**Bishop Brandon Porter**, Tennessee Central

**Bishop Ted Thomas**, First Jurisdiction of Virginia

**Bishop Rufus Kyles**, Texas Southeast

**Bishop J. Drew Sheard**, North Central Michigan

**Bishop Dwight Green Sr.**, South Korea

Over the next couple of issues we will talk with even more candidates.

**Q: How many years of service do you have in your jurisdiction and what is your greatest accomplishment?**

**Thomas:** 28 years as Jurisdiction Prelate

The greatest highlight is when I took over, we had 18 churches and today we have 55. All of those are churches we grew, cultivated, and/or nurtured. I do not believe that the way to grow is by taking from other jurisdictions.

**Kyles:** 10 years as Jurisdictional leader.

I am most proud of being a resource for our Jurisdictional Pastors and allowing them preaching opportunities at all jurisdictional meetings. I believe giving people the ability and opportunity to express their gift is my greatest achievement.

**Green:** 9 years

We expanded from 2 churches in our jurisdiction, to 6 churches. I am most proud of our ability to have started a school in our jurisdiction.

**Porter:** More than 4 years.

We have grown from 63 churches to 90 churches

I am most excited about having created an emergency fund for our jurisdiction. Also, we create marketing opportunities for all of our local churches.

**Sheard:** 3 years

We started with 18 churches and we now have 40. I am most excited about being able to establish a retirement fund for for-

*(Faces of COGIC continued on page 32)*



*Your General Board Candidate*  
**Bishop Dwight L. Green, Sr.**

*Prelate, Republic of South Korea Jurisdiction  
Former Chairman, National Trustee Board  
Chairman, Pontotoc LLC for COGIC  
Pastor, Holiness Tabernacle COGIC*



Bishop Samuel L. Green, Jr.  
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Bishop Dwight L. Green, Sr.  
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*Isaiah 59:21*

***God bless the Saints of the Church of God in Christ***



mer Prelates

**Q: Why should we, the readers, elect you?**

**Thomas:** I have a lot of experience, more than 30 years of service in leadership in our church from Board of Bishops, to various areas in the church.

**Sheard:** I've had a number of years leading leaders and most of all taking one of our denominations biggest conventions from red ink to black ink. I started with 8 members and I now have one of the largest churches in the brotherhood.

**Porter:** First of all, I am a son of the church, born and raised in the mechanism and operation of the national and its headquarters. I am the only candidate of headquarters. It is so crucial that we have someone who is part of leadership in headquarters that represents the will of the people through the office of General Board Members. I have been involved with public relations for many years, and I've been elected three times to serve on the Board of Trustees which gives me experience and insight into the financial operation of the church. I have served as the international Youth President of our church.

**Q: As a General Board Member, do you think you will be ready to serve as Presiding Bishop?**

**Green:** I think I've had experiences in serving and building the foundation of the ministry of COGIC and if I am called upon I will be able to lead people back to the church's Pentecostal roots. I have been mentored by the last four Presiding Bishops and it has helped me to understand the weight of the office and decisions which I think will give me experience to make the crucial decisions if ever needed

**Kyles:** My commitment to integrity and inclusion and prayerful decision making with give me the God giving consistency to lead this church by the will of God

**Q: As a General Board Member, your primary commitments are to...**

**Sheard:** My commitment will be to Electorates and I will always be willing to have the church abide by the rule of the Constitution. My main goal is that I am pleasing in the

Lord's sight.

**Porter:** First, my commitment is to the sacred document we call the Constitution. It has to be what we must be willing to abide by as a General Board Member. Second, my commitment is to always have my ear turned toward the voice of the Lord and as a General Board Member I believe that is the most important role to play, hearing from God. My commitment to the Electorate is that I will always be open to hear what you are saying.

**Thomas:** What is most important is that I can play a role in guiding the church back to its foundation of holiness. I've had experience serving on a bank board and I believe that experience will help make the church financially responsible.

**Q: What are you hearing that the saints want?**

**Green:** In traveling the breath of our church, the saints are crying out for us to go back to a church of miracles, healing, and deliverance when we gather. As we listen and respond to what the saints are praying for, I believe we can cause a revival to come. As a General Board Member, I will encourage our denomination to lift up the teachings of our great leader.

**Q: What is your greatest spiritual gift offered to the church?**

**Kyles:** My greatest gift expresses itself in the form of evangelism because I have a commitment to integrity and my witness brings people closer to the Christ we serve. If elected as a General Board Member, I will be willing to use this gift to spread the ministry of COGIC.

**Q: Do you think this church is headed in the right direction?**

**Porter:** I actually do because of this one reason...God is with us. I've seen the presence of God guide us in different ways, through various Presiding Bishops. The mere fact that we are still here expressing the ministry of Pentecostalism and the witness of sanctification to a dying world says that we're headed in the right direction.



# Dress with Overlay

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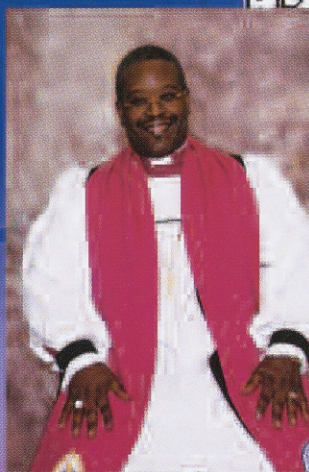
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# Music Matters

By Mr.C and Billboard

Few music genres have entertained, inspired and touched people as much as gospel music. The soulful voices and eccentric personalities behind the music make the genre what it is today. There's more to gospel than what you hear on Sunday mornings. Many singers who got their start singing in church have gone on to become Grammy Award-winning artists and famous faces in the gospel music industry. Here are the Music Matters' top 10 gospel singers.



## Fred Hammond, **Feel Good**

This new take on gospel from a familiar source of inspirational music actually has the power of making the listener feel good. The songs catchy melody and wonderful instrumentation provide both an awesome worship experience for to all to enjoy and sing to. This is another great selection from Fred Hammond as expected.



## Andrea Crouch, **Let the Church Say Amen**

This soulful tune presents a graceful song for all to love. With the profound but simple statement of "let the church say amen", this is the perfect song to take them to church with. It was an excellent match with the beautiful words of Pastor Andre Crouch and endearing vocals of Pastor Marvin Winans. This single From Pastor Crouch's new release is surely life changing.



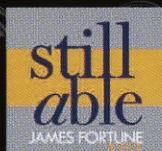
## William McDowell, **I Won't Go Back**

This amazing song by from William McDowell gives the listener the inspirational boost and push to turn their life around. The simplicity of the message given is so intimate, so personal, but yet so powerful and easy to understand. This amazing track entitled, I won't go back, gives the listener a genuine chant conveying the point of deliverance.



## Marvin Sapp, **My Testimony**

Amazing song from Pastor, beautiful melody and lyrics. "It's a song I wrote that tells about what I went through," said Sapp by phone to host Steve Harvey on his syndicated radio program. The overcoming lyrics in the power ballad, filled with keyboard and strings that build to a crescendo, include the lines, "So if you see me cry, it's just a sign I'm still alive...."



## James Fortune & FIYA, **Still Able**

This is a great inspirational song to have something to spend quiet time with. Great job, check out the video on YouTube. Great single but not the best CD. Thumbs up!



## Zacardi Cortez Featuring John P. Kee, **One more Time**

Great music, the best of what gospel music is all about. Zacardi and John P Kee come with a style unafraid to stay churchy and not compete with the world. Two thumbs up, this song is a must have.



## Youthful Praise Featuring JJ Hairston, **After This**

Wow, is that good gospel music? A little too old to be called youthful praise.



## Mary Mary, **Go get it** This is unique.



# JJ Hairston

MUSIC MATTERS' FEATURED ARTIST >



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Kirk Franklin, A God like you  
The purpose of gospel music is to proclaim and express the message of Jesus Christ.wn.



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Jason Nelson, Shifting the Atmosphere  
This is such a beautiful song to lead you into an atmosphere of pure worship.

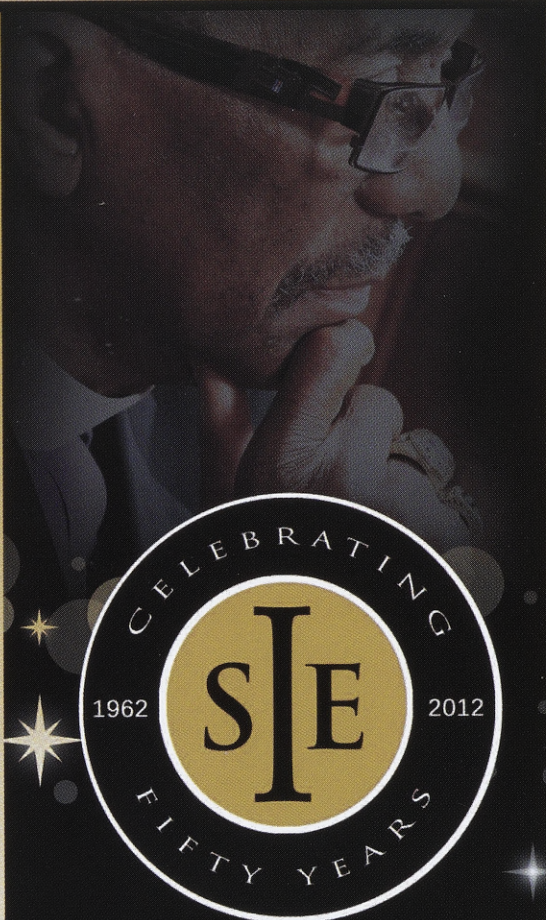


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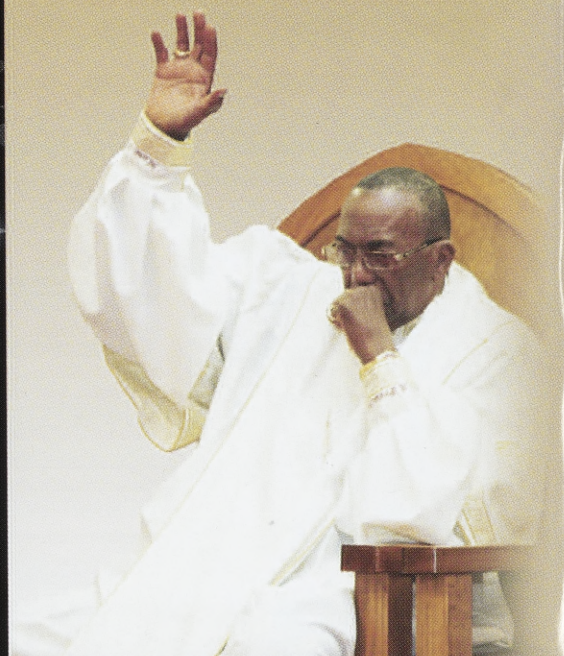
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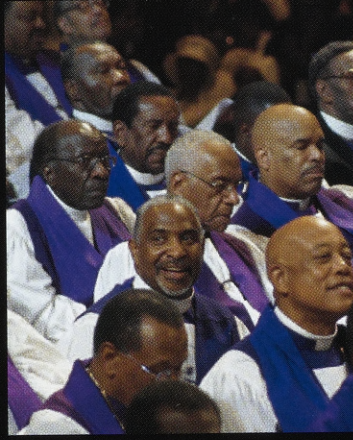
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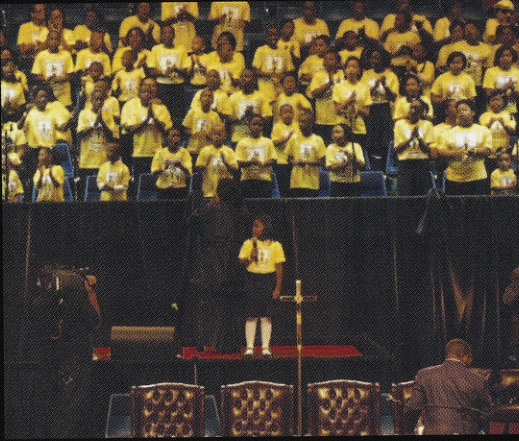
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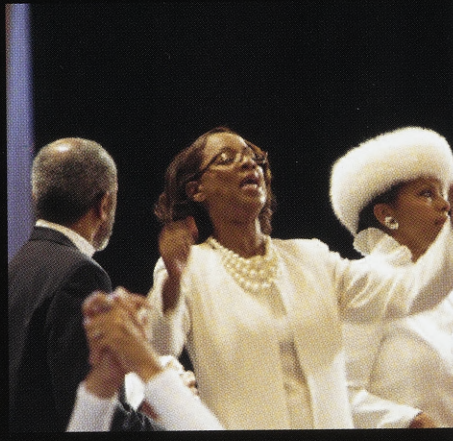
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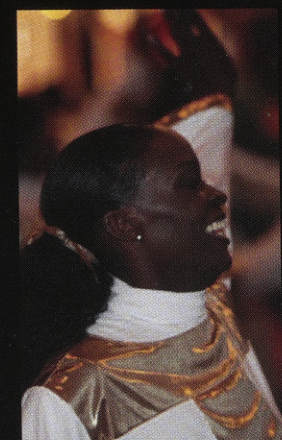
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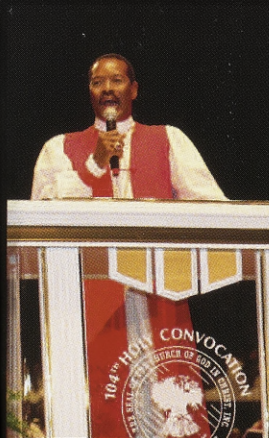


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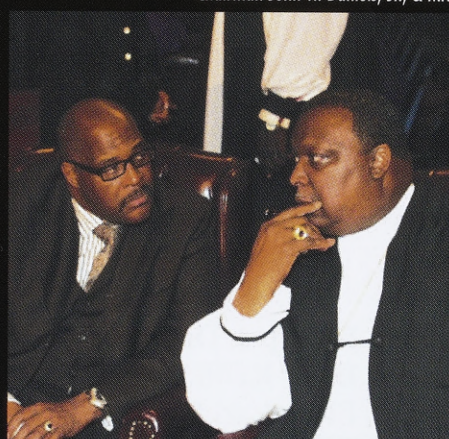
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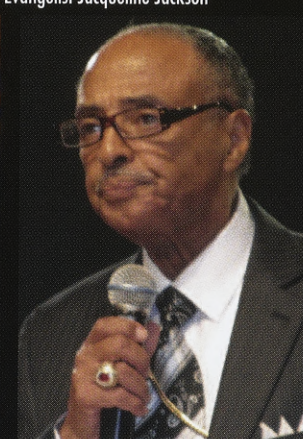
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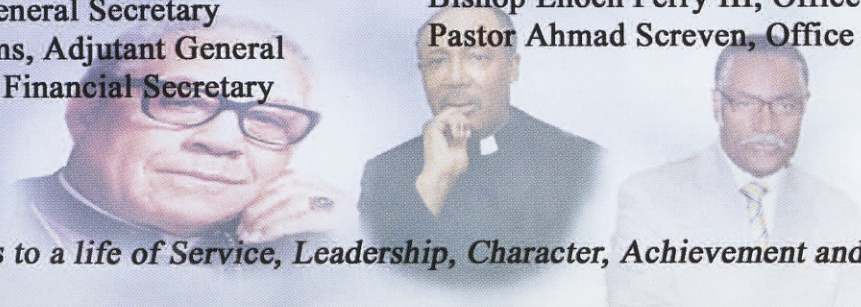
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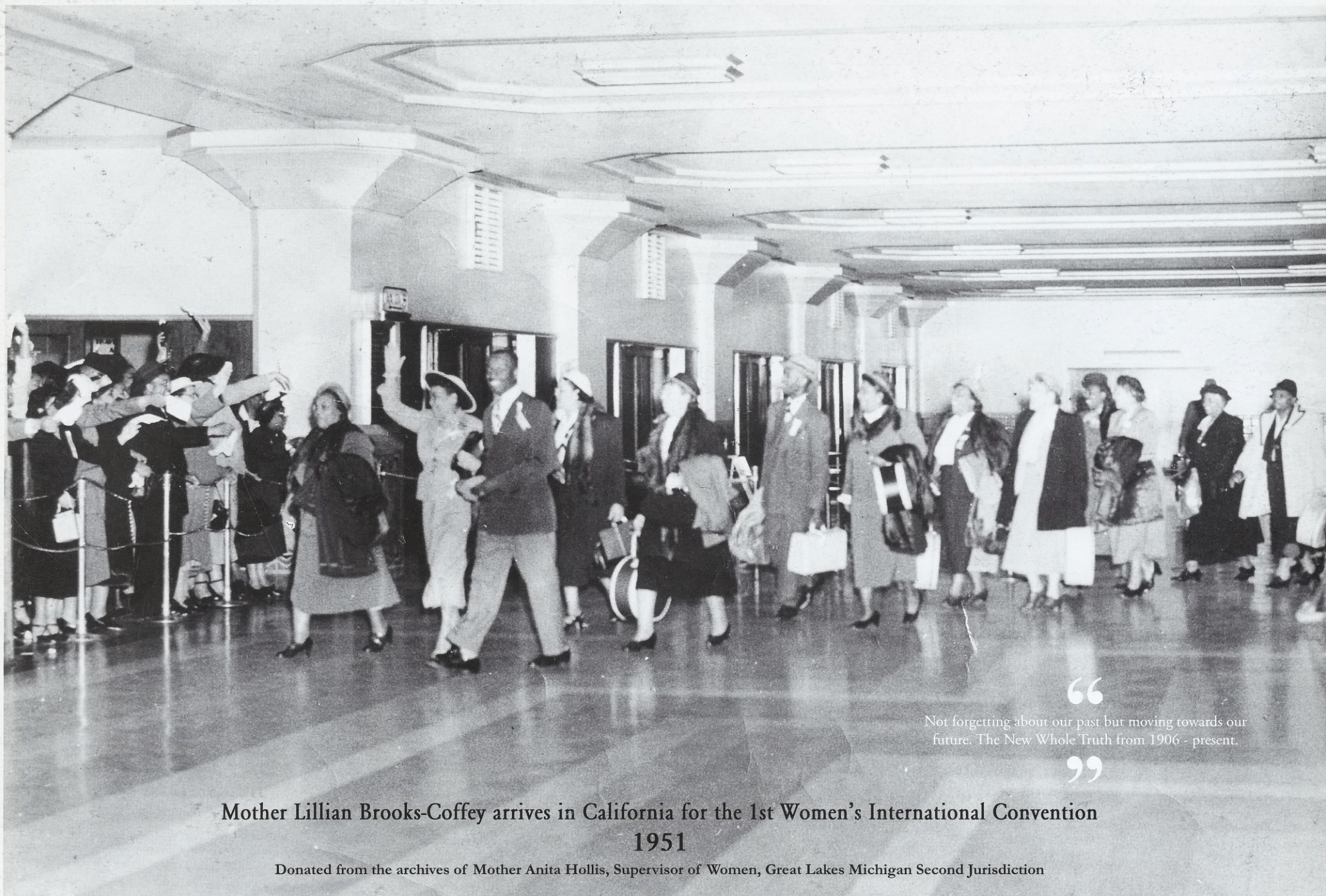
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